

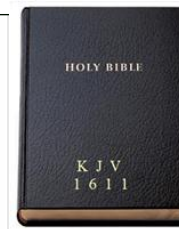
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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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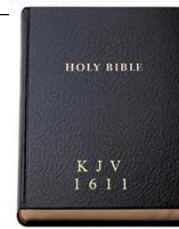
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III. The Geological & Cosmological Conditions Of The Last Days

Matt 24:7

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines**, and **pestilences**, and **earthquakes**, in divers places.

Luke 21:11,25

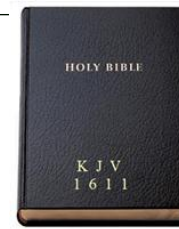
And **great earthquakes** shall be in divers places, and **famines**, and **pestilences**; and **fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven**.

And there shall be **signs in the sun**, and **in the moon**, and **in the stars**; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; **the sea and the waves roaring**;

1. Geological

- Natural disasters have always been a part of human history but have increased in frequency and intensity as we near the Second Coming of Christ

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1) Famines

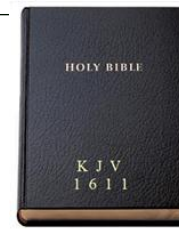
- 2/3 of the worst famines in history occurred during the 20th century, with approximately **122 million** deaths

Worst Famines In History (20th century)

1	Great Chinese Famine (1958-1961)- 43,000,000	12	Chinese drought of 1941- 3,000,000
2	Chinese famine of 1907- 24,000,000	13	Chinese famine of 1928-1930- 3,000,000
3	Indian famine (1896-1902)- 19,000,000	15	Vietnamese famine of 1945- 2,000,000
8	Soviet famine (1932-1933)- 10,000,000	17	Bengal famine of 1943- 1,400,000
9	Chinese famine of 1936- 5,000,000	19	Ethiopian famine (1984-1985)- 1,000,000
10	Russian famine of 1921- 5,000,000	20	Horn of Africa famine (1988)- 1,000,000
11	North Korean famine (1990-1997)- 3,500,000	21	Bangladesh famine (1973-1974)- 1,000,000

- These famines occurred in nations/regions that are not gospel friendly
- The number of nations experiencing food shortages has tripled since 1990
- Approximately 1/6 of the world (34 nations out of 196) is experiencing a significant shortage of food

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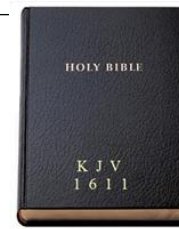


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2) Pestilences

- Historical outbreaks and potential pandemics include the following:
 - Typhoid
 - Cholera
 - Malaria
 - Smallpox
 - Meningitis
 - Ebola
 - E.coli
 - Bubonic plague (the “black death” killed 35 million, or about 1/3 of the population of Europe between 1300-1400 AD)
 - Influenza (the great Spanish flu of 1918-1919 killed between 50-100 million people in just six months- the equivalent of 350 million based on current world population)
 - Avian influenza
 - AIDS
 - Necrotizing fasciitis (“flesh eating disease”)
- As a cure or treatment for one disease is discovered, it seems two new diseases surface

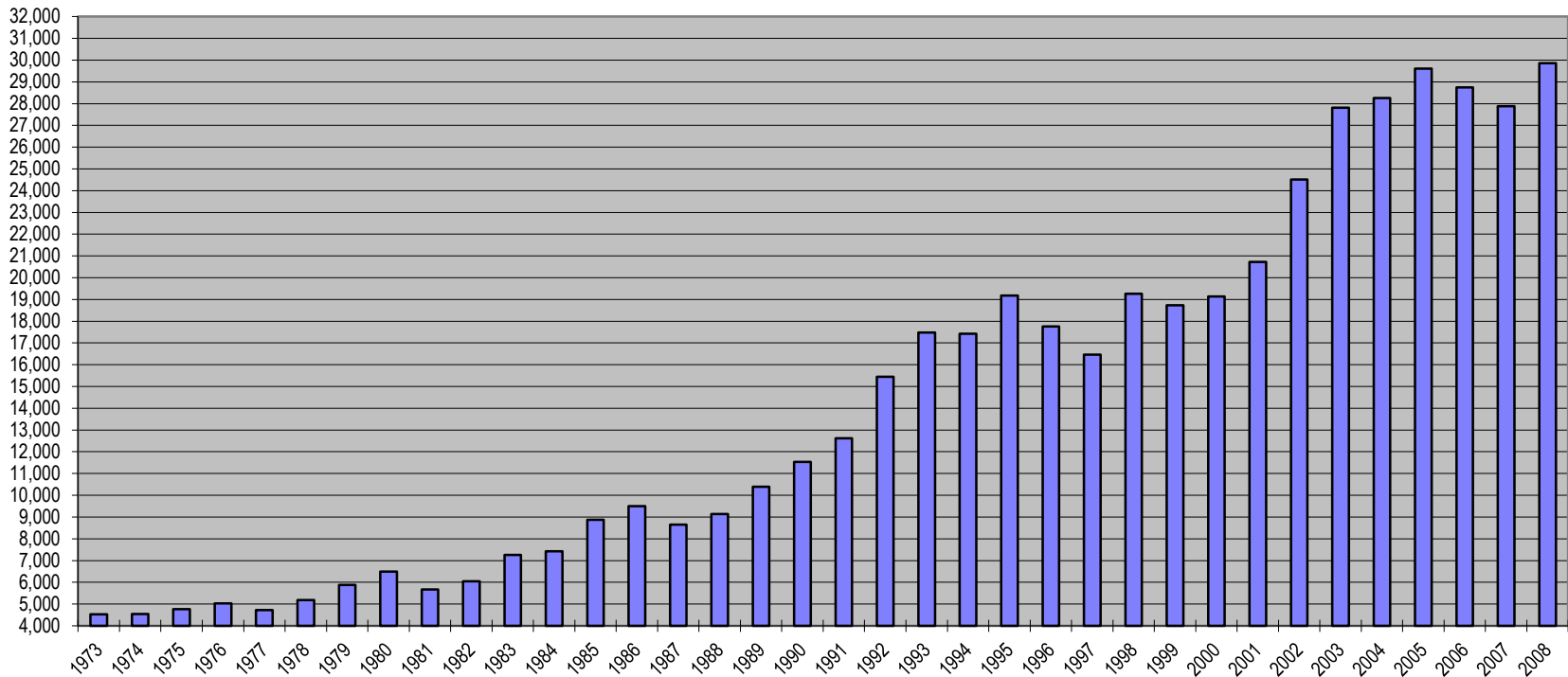
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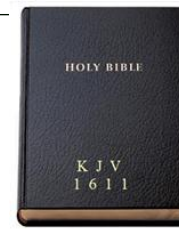
3) Earthquakes

- The number of earthquakes (magnitude 1.0 or greater) increased 559.34% between 1973 and 2008 (from 4,528 to 29,855)

EARTHQUAKES BY YEAR (1973-2008)

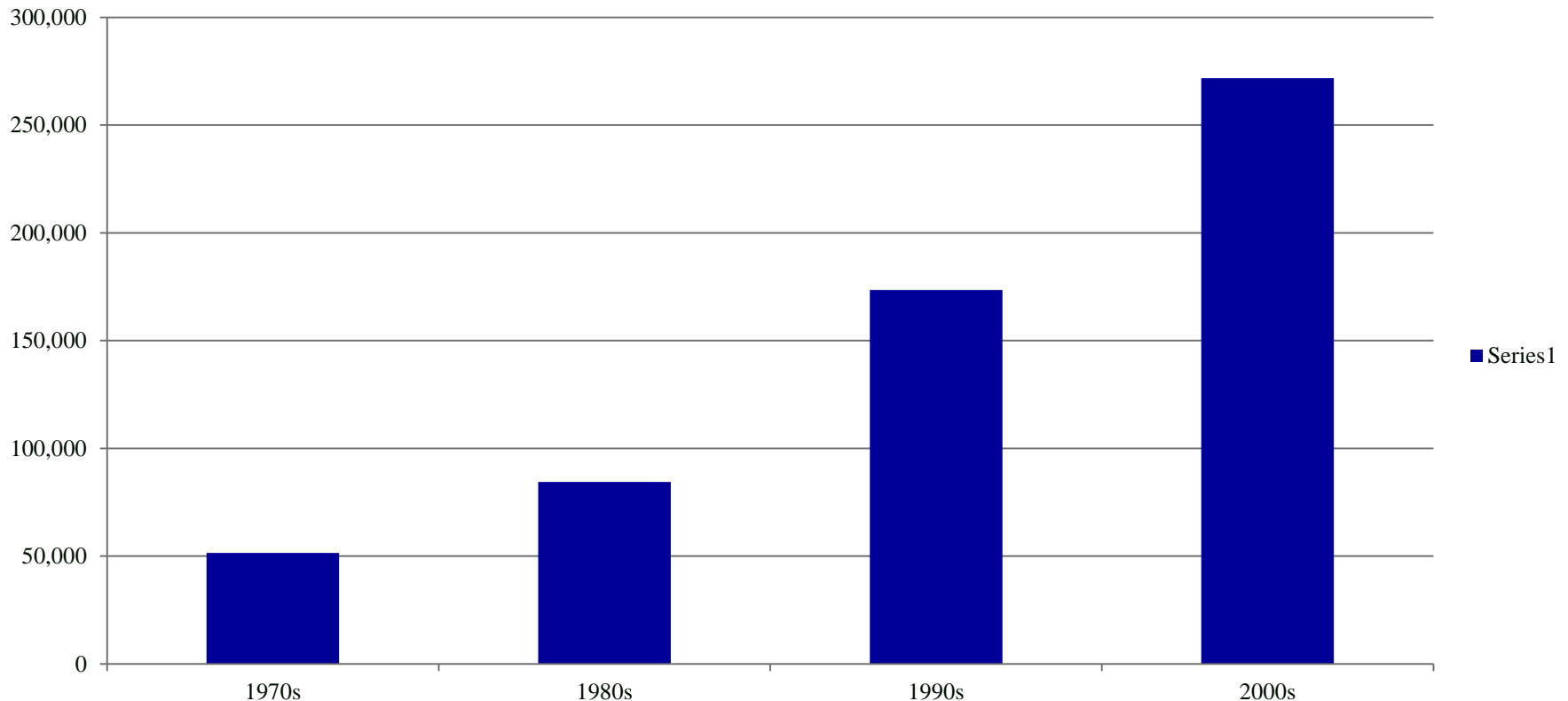


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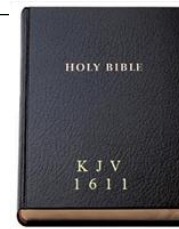


- The number of earthquakes increased 478.12% between the decade of 1971-1980 when compared to the decade of 2001-2010 (from 51,455 to 271,745)

Earthquakes Of Magnitude 1.0 Or Greater By Decade

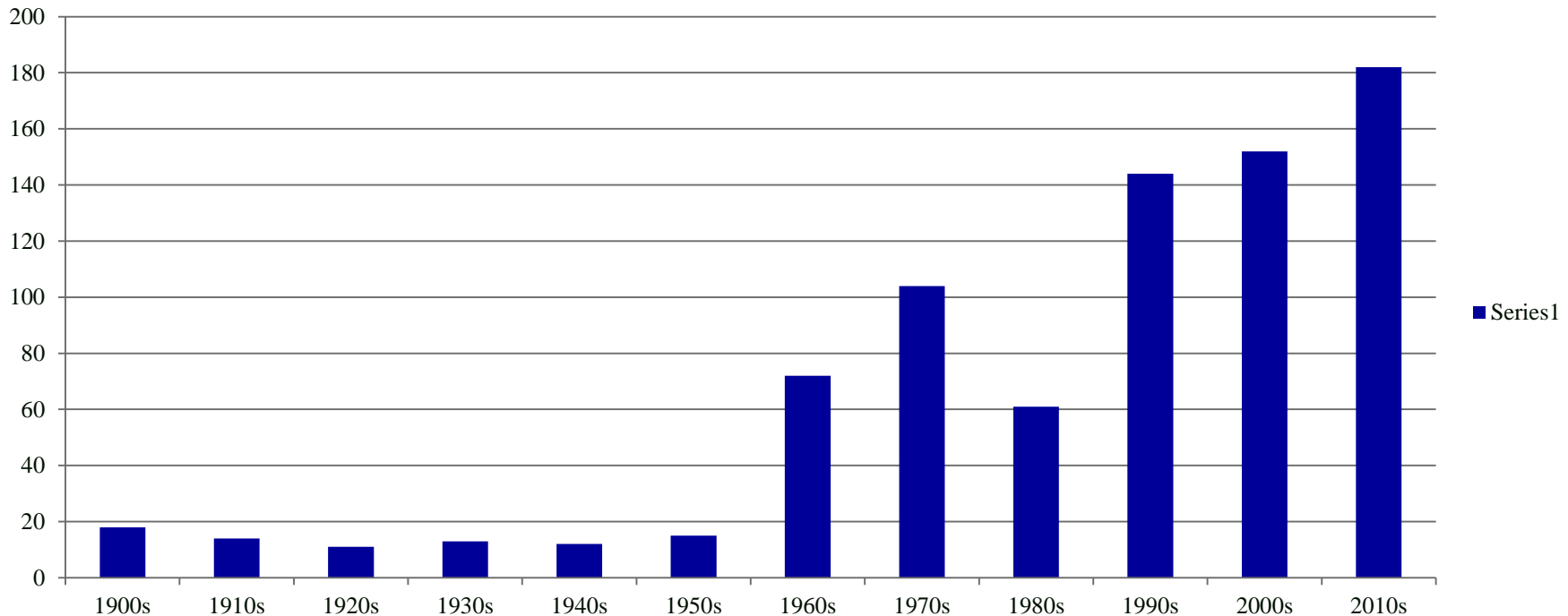


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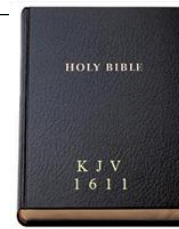


- The number of earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.0 or greater increased 111.11% between the decade of the 1960s when compared to the decade of the 2000s (from 72 to 152)
- The current decade (2011-2020) is on pace to have 182 earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.0 or greater

Earthquakes Of Magnitude 7.0 Or Greater By Decade

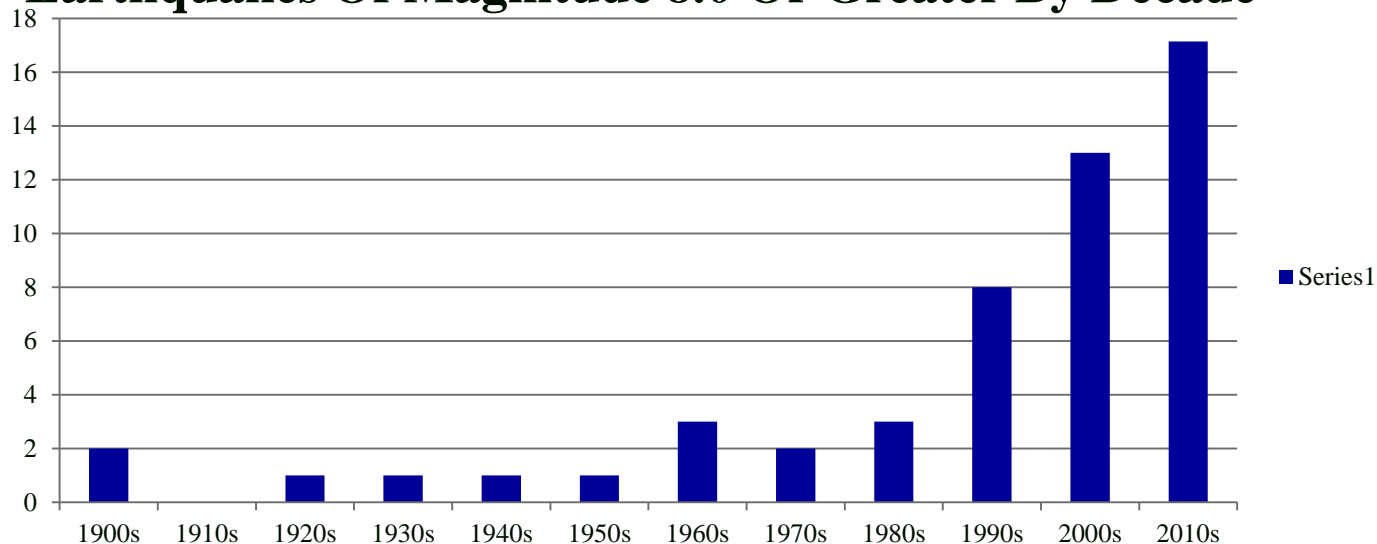


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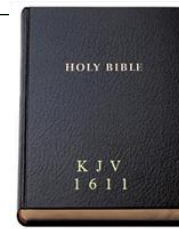


- There was only one earthquake with a magnitude of 8.0 or greater during each decade between the 1920s and the 1950s
- There were three earthquakes with a magnitude of 8.0 or greater during the 1960s, two during the 1970s, and three in the 1980s
- There was a 166.67% increase to eight during the 1990s, another 62.50% increase to 13 during the 2000s, and the current decade (2011-2020) is on pace for to have 17 earthquakes with a magnitude of 8.0 or greater

Earthquakes Of Magnitude 8.0 Or Greater By Decade

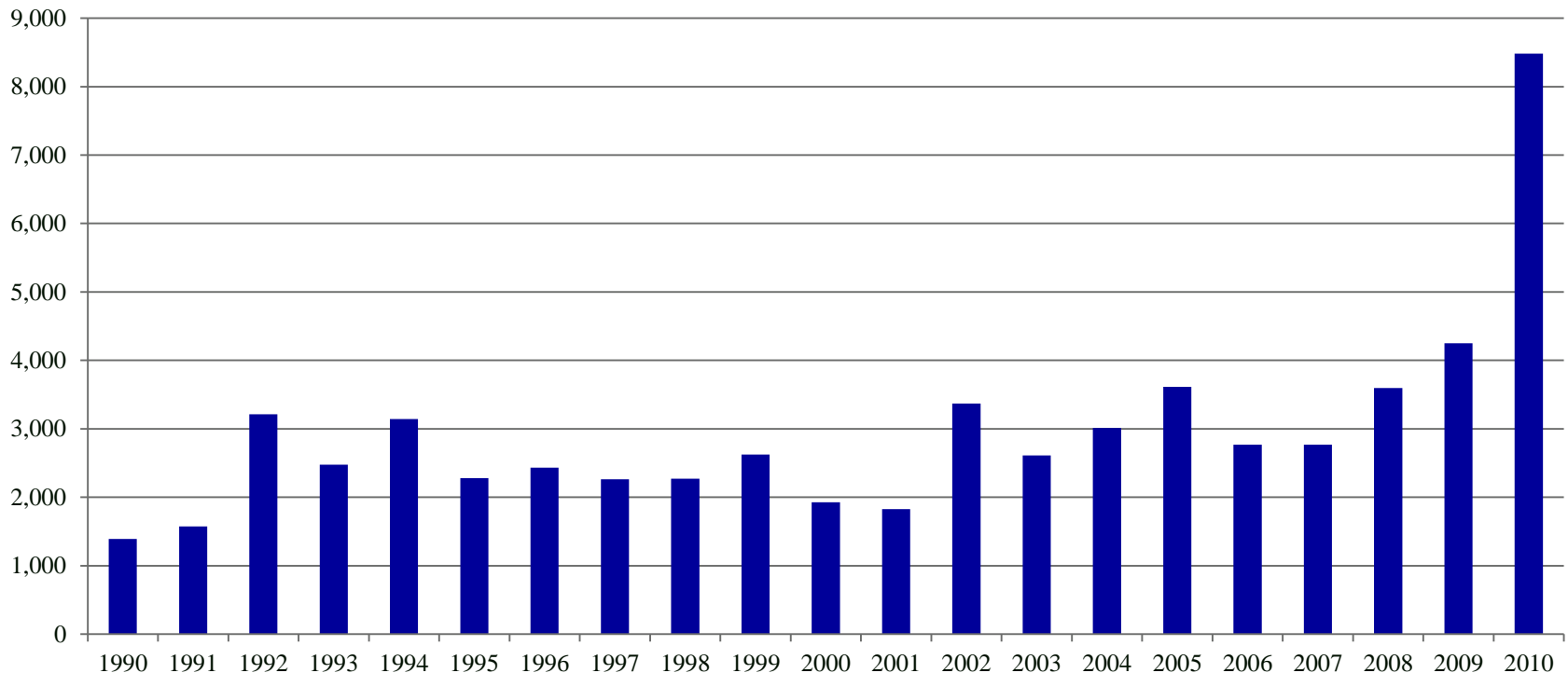


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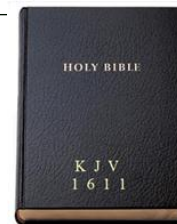


- The number of earthquakes in the U.S. increased 610% between 1990 and 2010 (from 1,391 to 8,484); and 50% between the decade of the 1990s when compared to the decade of the 2000s (from 24,201 to 36,300)

US Earthquakes (1990-2010)



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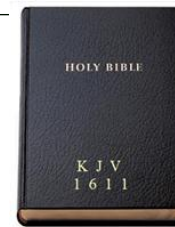
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- Between February 2010 and March 2012, an earthquake of magnitude 7.0 or greater occurred somewhere in the world every 188-189 days
 - February 27, 2010= Chile (8.8)
 - September 3, 2010= New Zealand (7.0)
 - March 11, 2011= Japan (9.0)
 - September 15, 2011= Fiji (7.3)
 - March 21, 2012= Mexico (7.9)
- A total of five earthquakes with a magnitude of 7.0 or greater occurred within the 45 day span of August 17, 2012 and September 30, 2012
 - August 17, 2012= Russia (7.7)
 - August 27, 2012= El Savador (7.3)
 - August 31, 2012= Philippines (7.6)
 - September 5, 2012= Costa Rica (7.6)
 - September 30, 2012= Colombia (7.4)

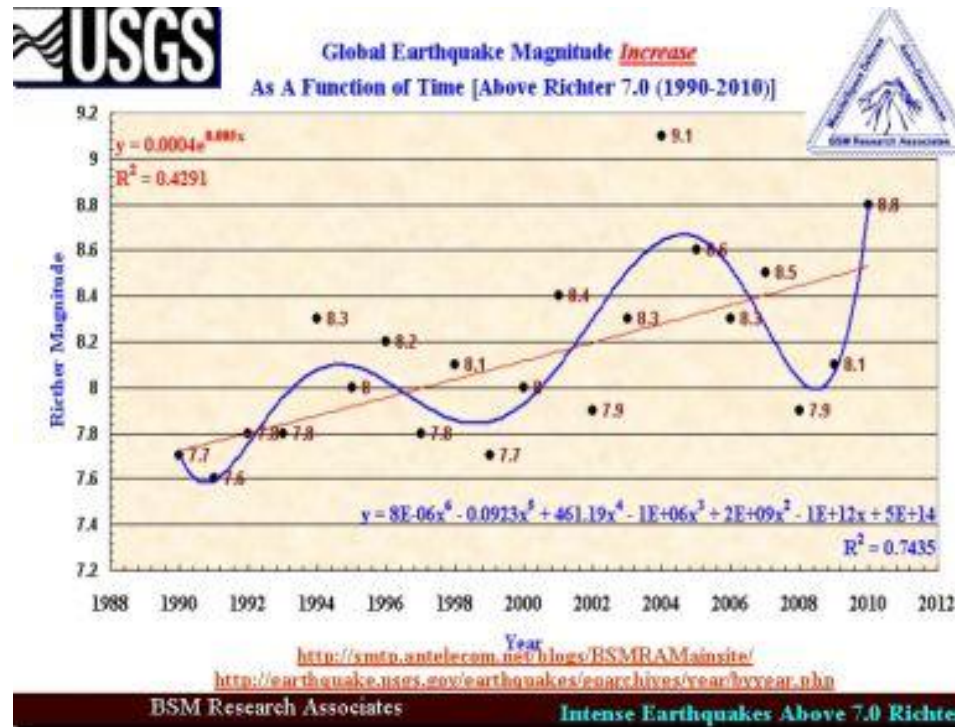
Sources for earthquake data: *National Earthquake Information Center (U.S. Geological Survey)*

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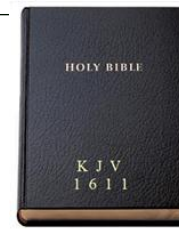
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- As to the intensity of earthquakes, the average magnitude is increasing significantly
- As to the diversity of earthquakes, a total of 563 DIFFERENT locations have experienced an earthquake of magnitude 4.0 or greater since 2005



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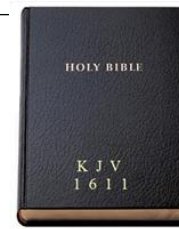


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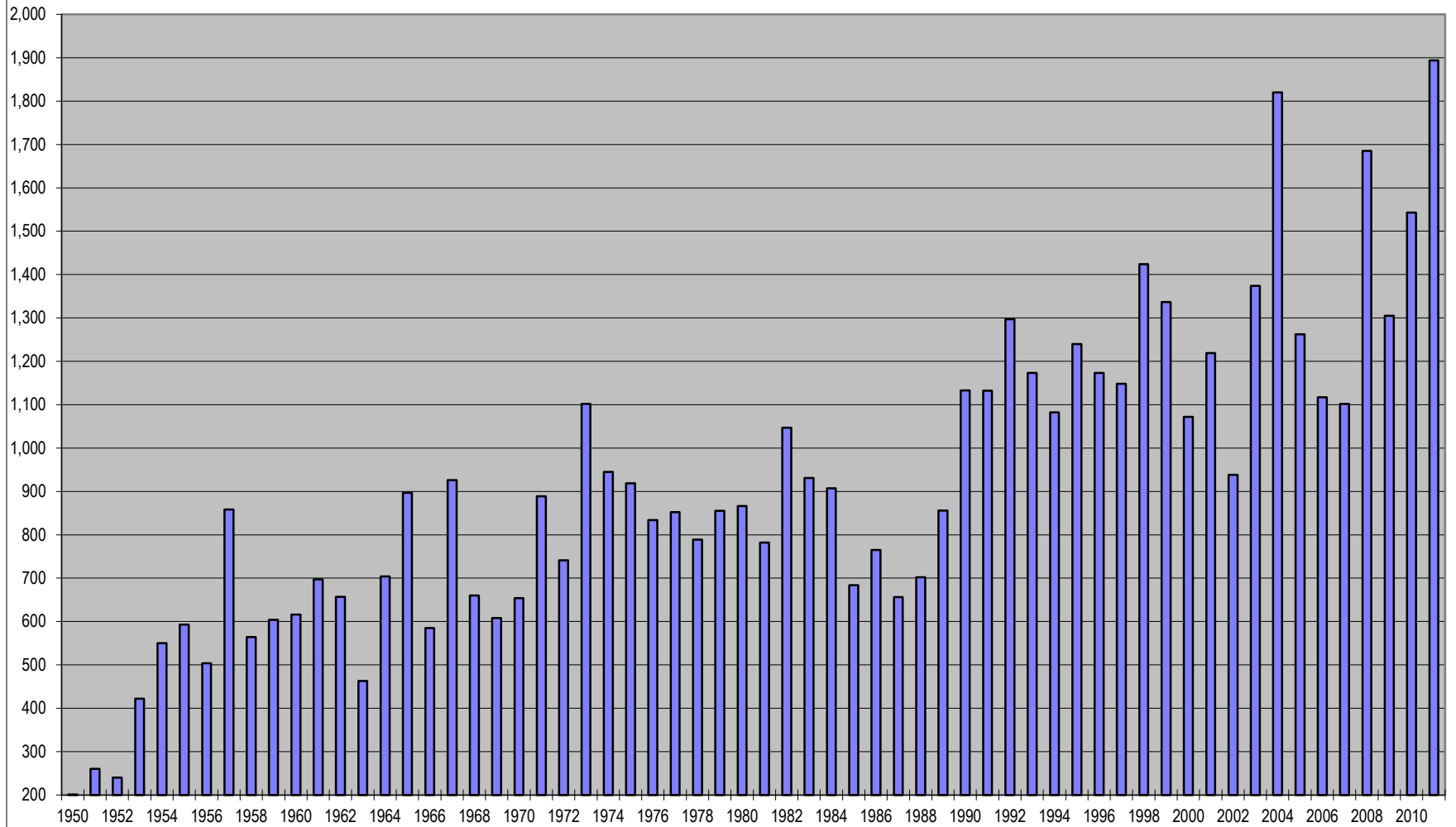
4) Tornadoes

- The number of tornadoes increased 842.29% between 1950 and 2011 (from 201 to 1,894)
 - The greatest number of tornadoes in one year= 1,894 (**2011**)
 - The greatest number of tornadoes in one month= 758 (**April 2011**)
 - The greatest number of tornadoes in one day= 200 (**April 27, 2011**)
 - The tornado system of **April 25-28, 2011** was the largest, costliest, and one of the most deadly ever recorded- it produced 358 tornadoes over 21 states, killing 324 people including 32 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- The number of tornadoes increased 156.48% between the decade of the 1950s and the decade of the 2000s (from 5,211 to 13,365)
- The current decade (2011-2020) is on pace to have 18,909 tornadoes (an increase of 41.48% from the 2000s and 262.87% from the 1950s)

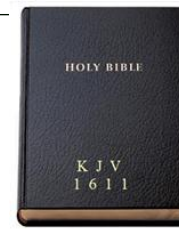
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TORNADOES BY YEAR (1950-2011)

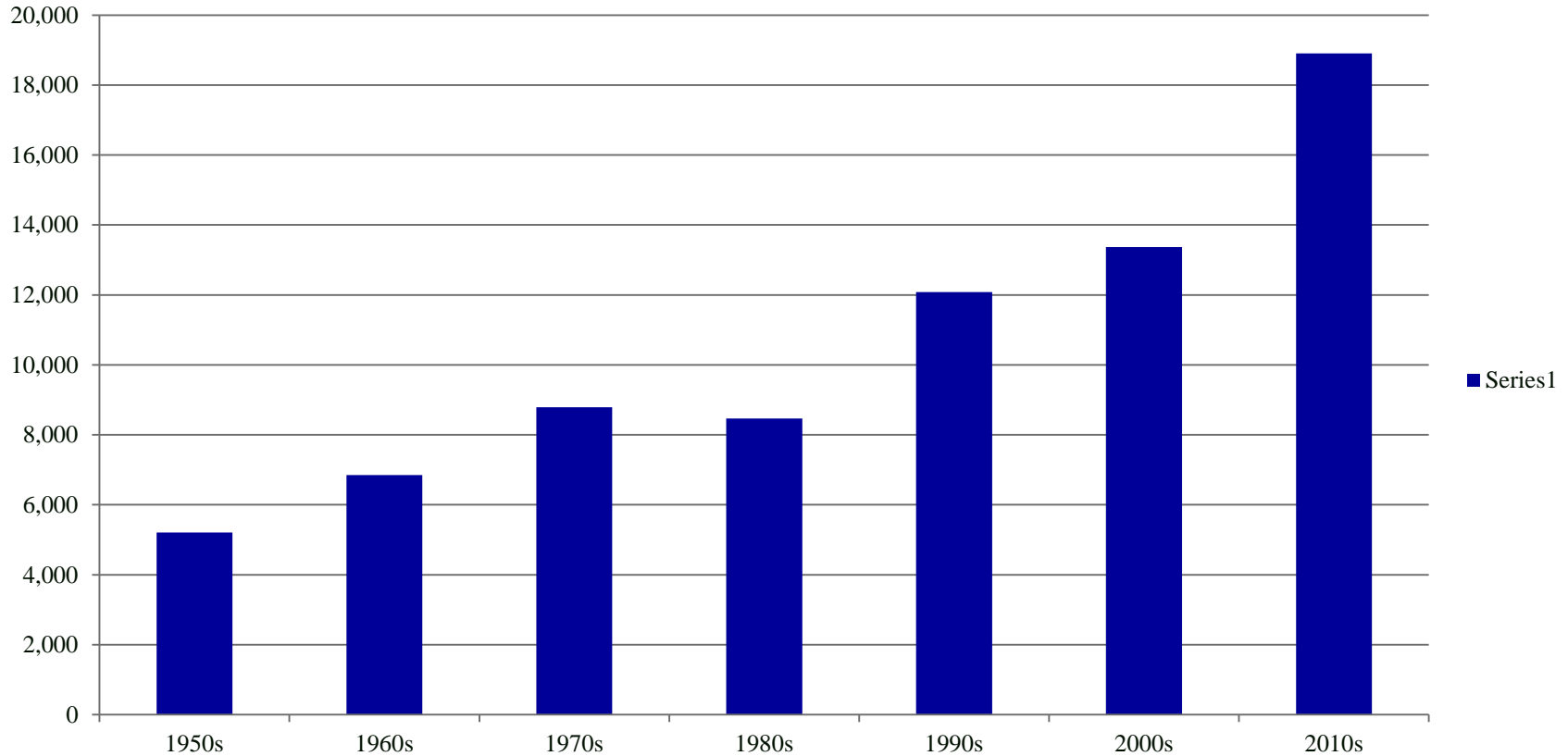


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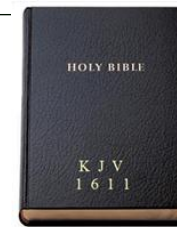
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Tornadoes By Decade



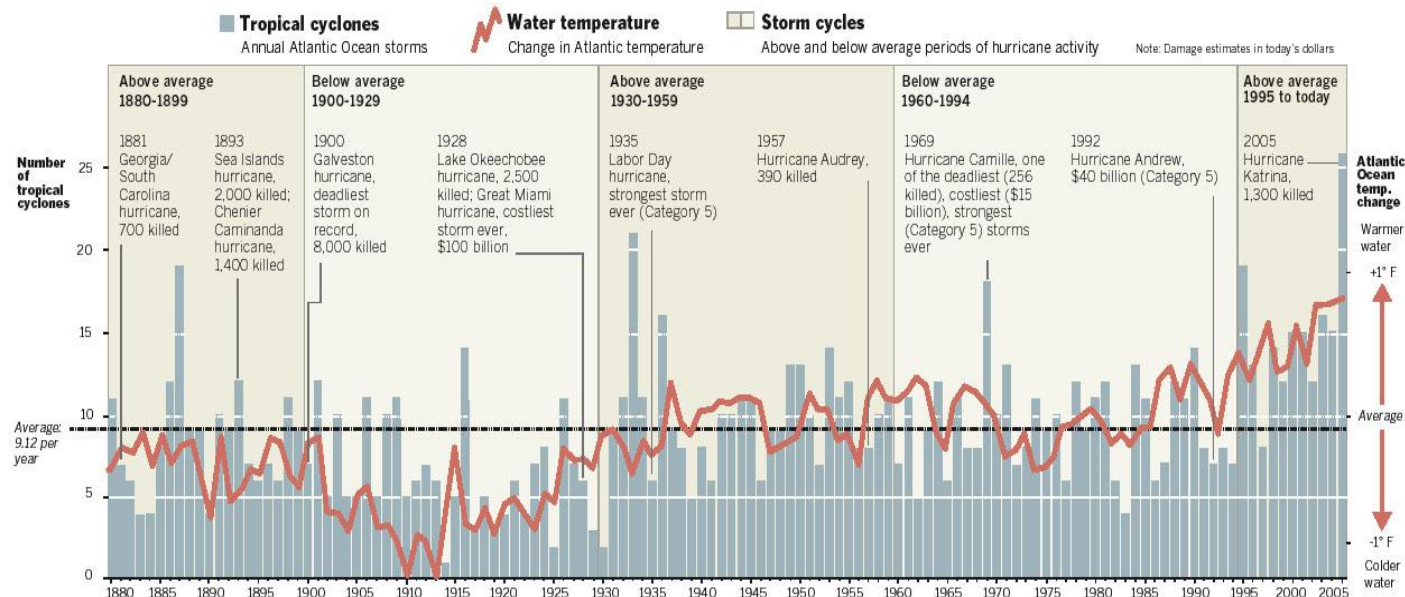
- The source for all tornado frequency data is the *Storm Prediction Center*

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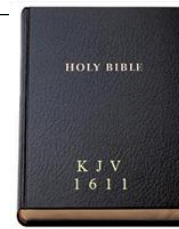


5) Hurricanes

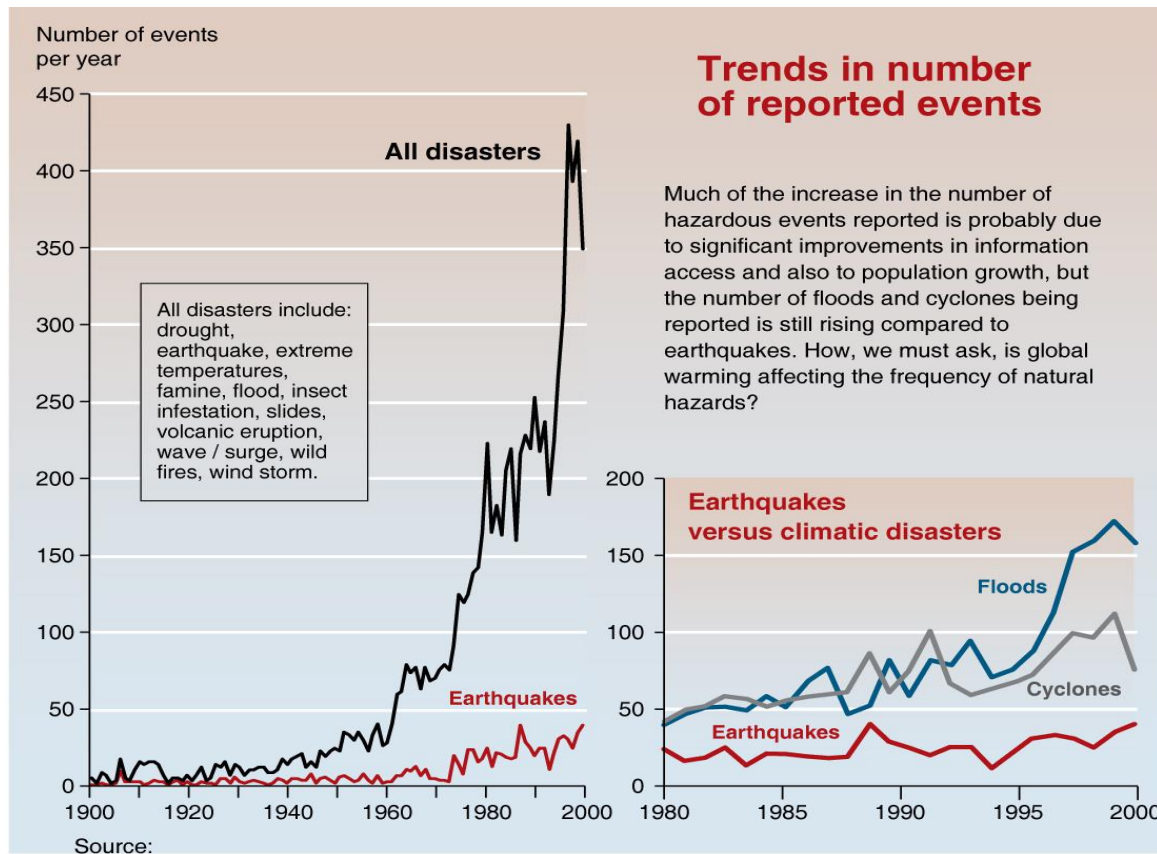
- (CNN) -- Hurricanes aren't behaving like many of us are used to them behaving. **They're bigger and meaner**, and **more numerous** than many people have seen.
- The number of Atlantic tropical storms and hurricanes was relatively consistent between 1950-1990; but the number between 2001-2010 was 64.52% higher than 1981-1990 (153 vs. 93)



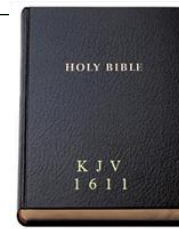
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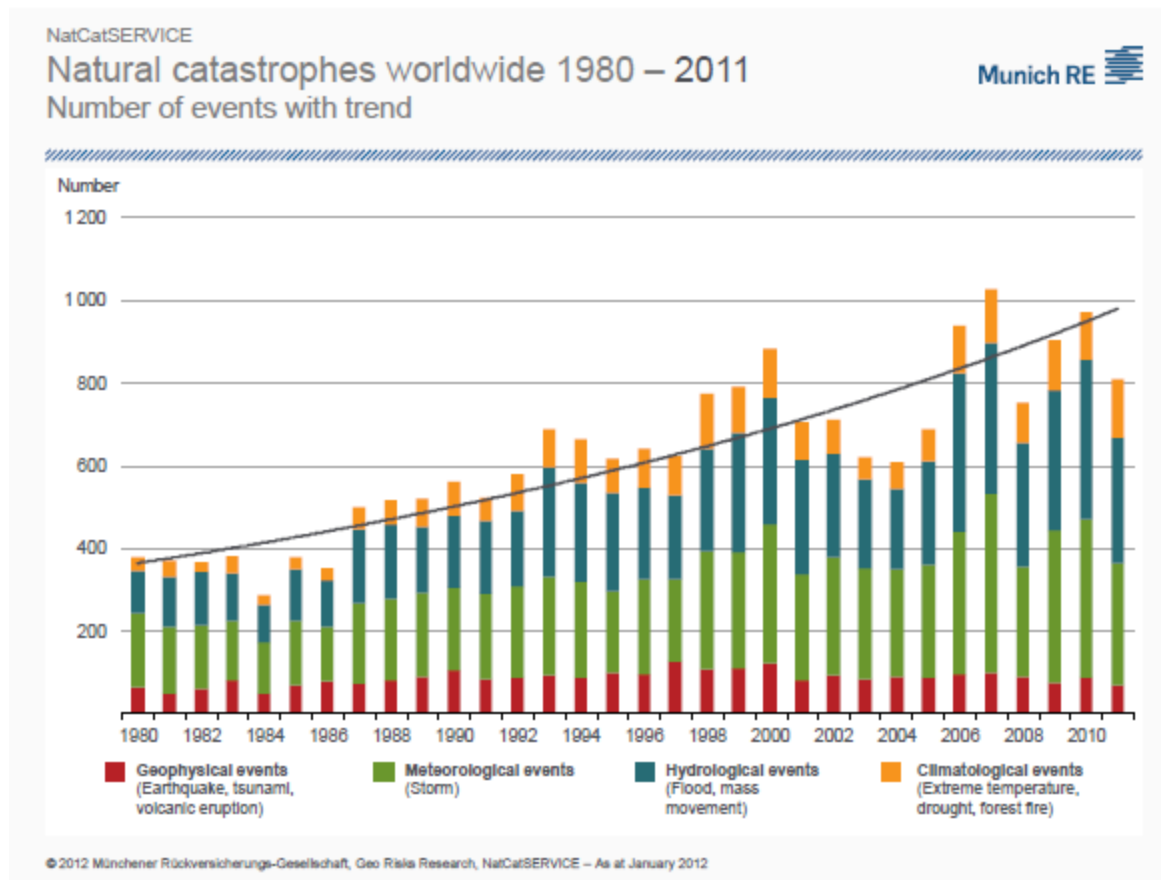
- The economic cost for natural disasters in 2011 was the highest in history
- The total number of reported natural disasters (including drought, flood, volcanic eruptions, and wild fires with those already mentioned) had sky rocketed in the past 40 years



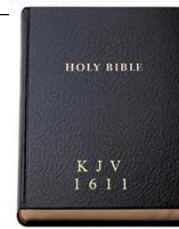
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- The increase in the frequency and intensity of these natural disasters is proof we are in the last days



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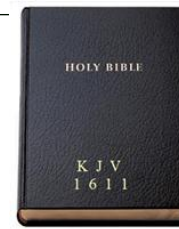


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2. Cosmological

- Shoemaker-Levy comet collides with Jupiter (1994)
- Comet collides with the sun (May 2011)
- Peak cycle for solar activity in 2012-2013 in the form of flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs)
 - **“Beware the flare”**- a class X solar flare dubbed as a “solar tsunami” was released on 03/07/12
 - Many ancient pagan prophecies (e.g.- Mayans) believe solar disturbances will cause/contribute to the end of the age
- The transit of Venus (June 5-6, 2012)- the next transit will occur in 2117
- Asteroid 2012DA14 measuring 60 meters in diameter is expected to come within 16,700 miles of the earth by February 2013 (the average distance of the moon from the earth is 238,857 miles)
- The Galactic Alignment of the solstice sun and the Galactic equator (December 21, 2012)- theoretically occurs once every 26,000 years

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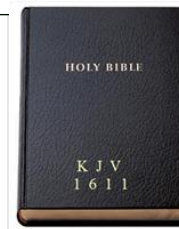
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- A “blood red” lunar eclipse is scheduled to occur on the exact dates of Passover and the Feast Of Tabernacles in 2014 and 2015
- A solar eclipse is scheduled to occur on September 15th, 2015- the exact date of the Feast Of Trumpets (i.e.- Rosh Hashana)
- Eclipses coinciding with dates of Jewish holy days will not occur again in the 21st century
- It happened twice in the 20th century
 - 1949-1950- the year following Israel’s rebirth as a nation
 - 1967-1968- the year Jerusalem was liberated following the 6-day war
- These signs in the heavens may be prototypes of greater cosmological signs during the Tribulation, thus proving we are in the last days

Matt 24:29-30

Immediately after the tribulation of those days **shall the sun be darkened**, and **the moon shall not give her light**, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.



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